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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN PRESS REACTION TO MOBUTU-NETO SUMMIT

REF: KINSHASA 1773

1. ZAIRIAN PRESS PREDICTABLY INTERPRETED MOBUTU-NETO SUMMIT AND COMMUNIQUE AS VICTORY FOR MOBUTU. AZAP, SALONGO, AND ELIMA ALL CARRIED FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AND REASONABLY ACCURATE PARAPHRASE OF MOBUTU'S AND NETO'S SUBSEQUENT REMARKS TO PRESS.

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(REFTEL). AZAP COMMENTARY MARCH 1 TRACED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OF

LAST FEW WEEKS, AND NOTED THAT ANGOLAN DELEGATION CONVEYED TO BESENGIMANA FEB. 21 NETO'S DESIRE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS AND MEET WITH PRES. MOBUTU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THUS NETO'S "700 KILOMETER" FLIGHT TO BRAZZAVILLE, TO MEET MOBUTU WHO REQUIRED MERE FIVE MINUTE HELICOPTER RIDE. MOBUTU "COULDN'T REFUSE THE OUTSTRETCHED HAND OF THE MPLA PRESIDENT", SINCE LUANDA OSTENSIBLY PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ZAIRE'S THREE DEMANDS:

- A) ASSURANCES THAT CUBAN TROOPS AND SOVIET ADVISORS WOULDN'T COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE;
- B) RETURN OF EX-KATANGAN GENDARMES;
- C) REPATRIATION OF "1,000,000" (SIC) ANGOLAN REFUGEES NOW LIVING IN ZAIRE.

2. AT SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO AZAP, NETO SATISFIED THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY KINSHASA. ZAIRE GIVEN SATISFACTION ON REPATRIATION OF ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN REFUGEES, WHICH AZAP READS AS INCLUDING KATANGAN GENDARMES. NETO ALSO MADE SOLEMN PLEDGE THAT NEITHER RUSSIANS, CUBANS NOR OTHER MERCENARIES WILL INVADE ZAIRIAN TERRITORY. IN SUM, MEETING "PROVIDED ALL THE GUARANTEES REQUIRED BY KINSHASA ... BEYOND ALL HOPES."

3. ELIMA EDITOR ESSOLOMWA FOLLOWED SIMILAR TACK IN FEB. 29. COLUMN, CLAIMED THAT NETO HAS EXTENDED HAND TO ZAIRE, WHICH MOBUTU HAS ACCEPTED AFTER ASSURING NETO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THREE DEMANDS. ACCORDING TO EDITOR, NETO HAS GAINED POWER AND PRESTIGE WITHIN LUANDA LEADERSHIP BY OBTAINING SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH MOBUTU. LUANDA'S FEAR OF GUERILLA WARFARE BY ANGOLAN REFUGEES BASED IN ZAIRE DOUBTLESS ALSO A FACTOR IN NETO'S WILLINGNESS TO SEEK ACCORD, NOTED ESSOLOMWA.

4. OTHER POINTS OF COMMUNIQUE THUS FAR REPEATED BY PRESS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.  
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